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otherwise]—. Offerors may revise offers any time during the specified period. At the end of the specified time period for receipt of offers, the responsible offeror submitting the lowest priced offer will be in line for award.

(b) Except when it is determined not to be in the Government's best interest, the Government will evaluate offers for award purposes by adding the total price for all options to the total price for the basic requirement. The Government may determine that an offer is unacceptable if the option prices are materially unbalanced. Evaluation of options shall not obligate the Government to exercise the option(s).

(End of provision)

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## 852.273-73 Evaluation—health-care resources.

As prescribed in 873.110(d), in lieu of FAR provision 52.212-2, the contracting officer may insert a provision substantially as follows:

### EVALUATION—HEALTH-CARE RESOURCES (JAN 2003)

(a) The Government will award a contract resulting from this solicitation to the responsible offeror whose offer, conforming to the solicitation, will be most advantageous to the Government, price and other factors considered. The following information or factors shall be used to evaluate offers:

*[Contracting officer insert evaluation information or factors, such as technical capability to meet the Government's requirements, past performance, or such other evaluation information or factors as the contracting officer deems necessary to evaluate offers. Price must be evaluated in every acquisition. The contracting officer may include the evaluation information or factors in their relative order of importance, such as in descending order of importance. The relative importance of any evaluation information must be stated in the solicitation.]*

(b) Except when it is determined not to be in the Government's best interest, the Government will evaluate offers for award purposes by adding the total price for all options to the total price for the basic requirement. The Government may determine that an offer is unacceptable if the option prices are materially unbalanced. Evaluation of options shall not obligate the Government to exercise the option(s).

(c) If this solicitation is a request for proposals (RFP), a written notice of award or acceptance of an offer, mailed or otherwise furnished to the successful offeror within the time for acceptance specified in the offer, shall result in a binding contract without

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further action by either party. Before the offer's specified expiration time, the Government may accept an offer (or part of an offer), whether or not there are negotiations after its receipt, unless a written notice of withdrawal is received before award.

(End of provision)

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## 852.273-74 Award without exchanges.

As prescribed in 873.110(e), insert the following provision:

### AWARD WITHOUT EXCHANGES (JAN 2003)

The Government intends to evaluate proposals and award a contract without exchanges with offerors. Therefore, each initial offer should contain the offeror's best terms from a cost or price and technical standpoint. However, the Government reserves the right to conduct exchanges if later determined by the contracting officer to be necessary.

(End of provision)

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AUTHORITY: 38 U.S.C. 501 and 40 U.S.C. 486(c).

SOURCE: 49 FR 12639, Mar. 29, 1984, unless otherwise noted.

#### 853.000 Scope of part.

This part prescribes Department of Veterans Affairs forms for use in the acquisition of goods and services. It only identifies forms which are used between VA and its contractors or the general public. It does not identify forms for uses internal to VA or between VA and another Federal agency.

[49 FR 12639, Mar. 29, 1984, as amended at 54 FR 40066, Sept. 29, 1989]

### Subpart 853.1—General

#### 853.107 Obtaining forms.

VA forms may be obtained from any VA contracting office or by requesting such forms from the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Acquisition and Materiel Management (97), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20420.

[49 FR 12639, Mar. 29, 1984; 50 FR 798, Jan. 7, 1985; 54 FR 40066, Sept. 29, 1989; 63 FR 69223, Dec. 16, 1998]

### Subpart 853.2—Prescription of Forms

#### 853.201 Federal acquisition system.

##### 853.201-1 Contracting authority and responsibilities (SF 1402).

Current delegations of contracting authority appointed with VA Form 90-2267, Certificate of Designation (contracting officer), will remain in effect until replaced with an executed SF 1402, Certificate of Appointment, in accordance with 801.603-3.

##### 853.213 Simplified acquisition procedures.

The following forms are prescribed as stated in this section for use in simplified acquisition procedures, orders under existing contracts or agreements, orders from required sources of supplies and services, and orders for other supplies or services:

(a) VA Forms 90-2138, Order for Supplies or Services, or 90-2138-ADP, Purchase Order for Supplies or Services, shall be used as stated in 813.307. They will be used in lieu of Optional Form 347, Order for Supplies and Services, or Standard Form 1449, Solicitation/Contract/Order for Commercial Items.

(b) The following forms are for use for obtaining indicated medical and dental services within the limitations prescribed in 813.307:

(1) VA Form 10-7078, Authorization and Invoice for Medical and Hospital Services.

(2) VA Form 10-7079, Request for Out-patient Medical Services.

(3) VA Form 10-2570d, Dental Record, Authorization and Invoice for Out-patient Services.

(c) VA Form 10-2511, Authority and Invoice for Travel by Ambulance or Other Hired Vehicle, will be used as prescribed in 813.307.

(d) VA Form 10-2421, Prosthetics Authorization and Invoice, will be used for indicated procurements not in excess of \$300 as prescribed in 813.307.

[64 FR 69935, Dec. 15, 1999]

##### 853.215 Contracting by negotiation (VA Form 10-1170).

VA Form 10-1170, Application for Furnishing Nursing Home Care to Beneficiaries of the Department of Veterans Affairs, will be utilized for establishing contract nursing home care for VA beneficiaries.

##### 853.236 Construction and architect-engineer contracts.

###### 853.236-1 [Reserved]

###### 853.236-2 Architect-engineer services (VA Form 08-6298).

VA Form 08-6298, Architect-Engineer Fee Proposal, will be used as prescribed in 836.606-71.

##### 853.271 Loan Guaranty, Education, and Vocational Rehabilitation and Counseling Programs.

###### 853.271-1 Loan Guaranty Program (VA Forms 26-6724 and 26-1839).

(a) VA Form 26-6724, Invitation, Bid, and/or Acceptance or Authorization, will be used in obtaining services specified in subpart 871.1.